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Applicant : Arne H. DEGGERDAL et al.
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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated July 18, 2001, be extended for three months to and including January 18, 2002.

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Respectfully submitted,

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